

AMENDED IN SENATE JANUARY 8, 2008

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 908**

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**Introduced by Senator Simitian**

February 23, 2007

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An act to amend ~~Section 47604.5~~ 33541 of the Education Code, relating to ~~charter schools~~ *environmental education*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 908, as amended, Simitian. ~~Charter schools:~~ *Environmental education.*

*Existing law requires the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission to recommend minimum standards of courses of study in the schools of the state. Existing law further requires the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education to revise the framework in science to include specified topics in environmental education.*

*This bill additionally would require climate change to be included among those topics.*

~~The Charter Schools Act of 1992 authorizes the State Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to revoke a school's charter or take appropriate action when it makes specified findings, whether or not it is the authority that granted the charter.~~

~~This bill would delete the provision regarding whether or not the State Board is the authority that granted the charter.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ *yes*. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 33541 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

3     33541. (a) ~~The State Board of Education~~ *state board* and the  
4 department shall revise, as necessary, the framework in science to  
5 include the necessary elements to teach environmental education,  
6 including, but not limited to, all of the following topics:

- 7     (1) Integrated waste management.
- 8     (2) Energy conservation.
- 9     (3) Water conservation and pollution prevention.
- 10    (4) Air resources.
- 11    (5) Integrated pest management.
- 12    (6) Toxic materials.
- 13    (7) Wildlife conservation and forestry.
- 14    (8) *Climate change*.

15    (b) The Office of Education and the Environment of the  
16 California Integrated Waste Management Board, established  
17 pursuant to Part 4 I (commencing with Section ~~71300~~ 40000) of  
18 Division ~~34~~ 30 of the Public Resources Code, shall provide the  
19 ~~State Board~~ *state board* of Education and the department with  
20 available environmental information and materials to aid in  
21 implementing subdivision (a).

22    (c) Any recommended revisions in reference to the course  
23 requirements in science shall not be implemented until the  
24 commencement of the appropriate curriculum framework adoption  
25 cycle subsequent to the revision.

26     ~~SECTION 1. Section 47604.5 of the Education Code is~~  
27 ~~amended to read:~~

28     ~~47604.5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,~~  
29 ~~the State Board may revoke a school's charter or take other~~  
30 ~~appropriate action when the State Board finds any of the following:~~

- 31     ~~(a) Gross financial mismanagement that jeopardizes the financial~~  
32 ~~stability of the charter school.~~
- 33     ~~(b) Illegal or substantially improper use of charter school funds~~  
34 ~~for the personal benefit of any officer, director, or fiduciary of the~~  
35 ~~charter school.~~

- 1 ~~(e) Substantial and sustained departure from measurably~~
- 2 ~~successful practices such that continued departure would jeopardize~~
- 3 ~~the educational development of the school's pupils.~~

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